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Subject: Final Notice of Requirement to Post Reclamation Surety

Dear Mine Operator:

This is the final reminder of the requirement to post reclamation surety with the Division prior to **December 8, 2006**. You were previously notified of this important requirement in letters sent to you on June 8th and September 8th, 2006. If you have already taken care of this requirement and received Division approval of the reclamation surety at your mine site, please accept our thanks and you may disregard this letter. If however, you have not provided a reclamation surety/bond and/or reclamation contract to the Division, you should make arrangements for doing so immediately. Even if you have a surety/bond with another agency such as SITLA or the BLM you should contact us to make sure that it satisfies the new regulatory requirements.

Remember, if you do not have a reclamation surety/bond in place which is acceptable to the Division by **December 8, 2006,** you will no longer be allowed to operate, will be required to reclaim, and may receive an enforcement action which includes fines or penalties. (See R647-2-111, R647-3-111 & R647-4-113)

If you have any questions, regarding these requirements, please contact your assigned Reclamation Specialist/Inspector (Paul Baker 538-5261, Lynn Kunzler 538-5310, Tom Munson 538-5321 or Doug Jensen 538-5382).

Once you have contacted the appropriate Inspector and have determined the required amount of surety, you will need to contact <u>Beth Ericksen (Bond Coordinator) at (801) 538-5318</u> to acquire the necessary surety paperwork and complete the process.

Information about bonding can also be found at the Division website located at www.ogm.utah.gov/minerals/MINERALSFAQ.htm. Thank you for your help in complying with the State reclamation surety requirements. We look forward to hearing from you. Please call me at (801) 538-5325 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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